IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Fred Freeman,) C/A No. 9:12-cv-3280 DCN BM
Plaintiff,)
VS.)) <u>ORDER</u>
John R. Pate, Warden; Captain DeLoach;)
Doctor Thomas E. Byrnes; Jamie D.)
Spalding, Nurse; Pamela C. Derrick, Nurse)
Director; Tina G. Thames, Nurse; Allison)
Atkinson, Nurse; and South Carolina)
Department of Corrections,)
Defendants.)
)

The above referenced case is before this court upon the magistrate judge's recommendation that, to the extent plaintiff intended to assert a constitutional claim of denial of access to the courts, that that claim be dismissed. In addition, it was recommended that plaintiff's state law medical malpractice claim asserted against defendant SCDC be dismissed, and defendants' motion to dismiss be denied.

This court is charged with conducting a <u>de novo</u> review of any portion of the magistrate judge's report to which a specific objection is registered, and may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendations contained in that report. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, absent prompt objection by a dissatisfied party, it appears that Congress did not intend for the district court to review the factual and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge. Thomas v Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985). Additionally, any party who fails to file timely, written objections to the magistrate judge's report pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)

waives the right to raise those objections at the appellate court level. <u>United States v.</u>

<u>Schronce</u>, 727 F.2d 91 (4th Cir. 1984), <u>cert. denied</u>, 467 U.S. 1208 (1984). **No objections**have been filed to the magistrate judge's report and recommendation.

A <u>de novo</u> review of the record indicates that the magistrate judge's report accurately summarizes this case and the applicable law. Accordingly, the magistrate judge's report and recommendation is **AFFIRMED**, and plaintiff's assertion of a constitutional claim of denial of access to the courts is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's state law medical malpractice claim asserted against defendant SCDC is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendants' Motion to Dismiss is **DENIED**.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

David C. Norton

United States District Judge

July 31, 2013 Charleston, South Carolina

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

The parties are hereby notified that any right to appeal this Order is governed by Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

¹In <u>Wright v. Collins</u>, 766 F.2d 841 (4th Cir. 1985), the court held "that a <u>pro se</u> litigant must receive fair notification of the <u>consequences</u> of failure to object to a magistrate judge's report before such a procedural default will result in waiver of the right to appeal. The notice must be 'sufficiently understandable to one in appellant's circumstances fairly to appraise him of what is required." <u>Id.</u> at 846. Plaintiff was advised in a clear manner that his objections had to be filed within ten (10) days, and he received notice of the <u>consequences</u> at the appellate level of his failure to object to the magistrate judge's report.